

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 5, lines 20–24, please replace the original paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

Accordingly, a technique is needed for preserving the seed pool during a power loss event, which purges the seed pool from the memory storing the seed pool. A technique is also needed for ensuring randomness of the seed pool to maintain its effectiveness for the cryptographic security system. ~~If the~~

On page 17, lines 15–22, and page 18, lines 1–2, please replace the original paragraph with the following replacement paragraph:

The seed pool 50 may be initially written, or subsequently restored, to the memory 112 by a service technician who is physically present at the location of the server 100. In the embodiment illustrated in Figure 2, the service technician must open the chassis of the server 100, install the security device 114, and restore the security data to the memory 112 using an appropriate random number generator. However, such a solution to re-establishing a secure, external communications capability may not be optimal, because it requires the physical presence of a properly trained technician, physical access to the server 100, and confidence that the technician will remove the security device ~~118~~¹¹⁴ upon completion of the task. Accordingly, it would be advantageous to provide the seed pool backup system 70 or remote access to the seed pool generation system 90.